

## Ward 6 Community New Year's Levee

Thanks to the 100+ residents who attended the event to meet with me, visit information booths to learn about community safety tips, Town Budget and what's new in 2019.

Special thanks to Superintendent Bellman & Community Safety Officer of the York Regional Police who joined me to meet Ward 6 residents in Richmond Hill and answer questions on personal and property safety.

The demonstration by Dr. X Robotics award-winning youth team and presence of the St. John Ambulance Youth Cadets were well received by all attendants.



## Yonge Subway Extension

As part of the Preliminary Design & Engineering phase of the proposed Yonge Subway Extension, crews continue geotechnical testing at various locations along Yonge Street from Finch Avenue to Highway 7.

Recent work took place on Bantry Avenue. This phase is expected to be completed by the end of 2019 when realistic cost estimate would be ready. **Stay tuned ...**

## MAKING A DIFFERENCE IN THE COMMUNITY



On Sunday June 24 2018, the community celebrated the 10th anniversary of the Ward 6 Signature Event, Summerfest. Despite the rain, the event was well

attended with approximately 1500 people who enjoyed food, entertainment and family-oriented activities.



As part of the milestone celebration in 2018, students from local



schools in the Ward were invited to enter into the poster contest for the event.

With the overwhelming support from the community, a surplus of over \$2300 was raised. To benefit the local community, contributions were made to local schools in support of their activities for the enrichment of student's learning: 16th Avenue Public School, St. John Paul II Catholic

School, Red Maple Public School, Doncrest Public School, and Christ the King Catholic School.

**Mark the date -  
11th Annual Ward  
6 Summerfest on Sunday June 23, 2019  
from 12:00pm-  
2:00pm at Lang-  
staff Community  
Centre.**

**Looking forward  
to seeing you  
there!**



## Frequently Called Numbers

|  |                |
|--|----------------|
| Animal Control                             | 1-888-668-7722 |
| Appliance Collection -<br>(by appointment) | 905-771-8800   |
| Building Permits                           | 905-771-8810   |
| By-laws                                    | 905-771-0198   |
| Library                                    | 905-884-9288   |
| Parking Control                            | 905-771-8860   |
| Tax & Water Accounts                       | 905-771-8949   |

## Councillor Godwin CHAN - Ward 6

 (905) 771-2509  
 godwin.chan@richmondhill.ca  
 @CouncillorChan  
 /Godwin Chan  
 @Godwin63

**www.GODWINCHAN.com**



## Godwin CHAN Councillor Ward 6

Spring/Summer 2019



## Service Matters

### Concerns about Short-term Rentals ...

Having received numerous complaints from residents about excessive noises, overflown parking and garbage on streets, and mischief behaviours from strangers living at short-term rental accommodation such as Airbnb in the neighbourhoods, I have begun research on the subject of Airbnb and short-term rentals, particularly looking at the measures undertaken by municipalities around the world with a focus in Canada on addressing the proliferation of Airbnb and short-term rentals.

In February, I tabled a Member Motion on **regulation of Airbnb and short-term rentals**. I am pleased that my Motion has been passed unanimously to direct staff to look into the feasibility of adopting a By-law to regulate and license the Airbnb and short-term rental accommodation later in the year. Thanks to residents who voiced their support of my Motion.

Dear Neighbours,

As this is the first newsletter this term, I would like to thank you for having the privilege to continue serving as your strong voice on Council. As the **Deputy Budget Chief** this term, I am pleased to help set the 2019 Operating Budget at 2.07%, the **lowest** annual adjustment in the past 5 years, reflecting my long-held view that tax rate changes be kept at the annual inflation level.

Richmond Hill is now officially a City, a growing community of about 220,000 people. Please plan to attend **Ward 6's** Signature Event, 11th annual **Summerfest**, on **Sunday, June 23, 2019**. I value your comments and feedback. Please contact me if you have any concerns or questions, and sign up for E-Updates at [www.godwinchan.com](http://www.godwinchan.com) and follow me on social media for upcoming community news.

Best wishes,

*Godwin*

## 11th Annual Ward 6 Summerfest

**Sunday June 23, 2019**

**12 noon-2:00 pm**

**Langstaff Community Centre  
155 Red Maple Road**

- ◆ Door Prizes
- ◆ Performances
- ◆ Community Booths
- ◆ BBQ Food



### Snow Windrow Removal for ALL!

Currently, Richmond Hill provides FREE snow windrow service for seniors and people with physical disabilities. In 2015, I had requested the issue of extending such service to all households be reviewed.

On March 25, 2019, Council considered the alternatives and adopted the recommended option to **provide Town-wide windrow clearing program** in house with enhanced service delivery with the conversion of causal/seasonal staff. According to staff, direct costs for the snow windrow clearing program is \$1.09 million for an approximate cost of \$20 per driveway.

Having advocated for implementing the snow windrow removal service for all within a reasonable cost for a number of years, I am very pleased to share that Richmond Hill will remove snow windrow at the end of driveways of all households in the **next winter season 2019-2020**.



# What's Happening ...

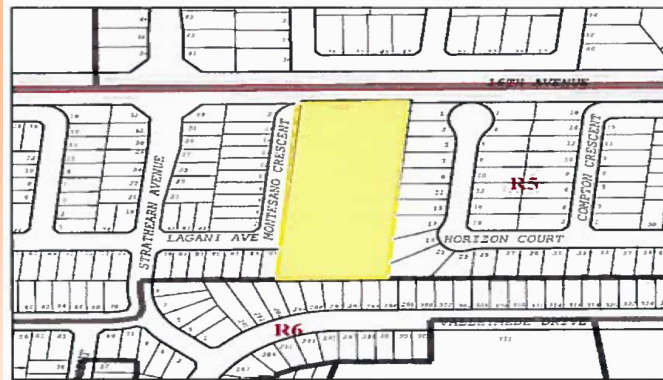
## What's new ... 1053-16th Avenue

Since the Community Information Meeting and Council Public Meeting held on this proposed development on the subject site for 60 semi-detached and 7 townhouses in 2018, the developer has submitted a revised proposal for development.

The main revisions are as follows:

- Proposed townhouses have been replaced with semis, such that the proposed development has **no townhouses**;
- Total number of dwelling units has been **reduced** to 56;
- **Lots** have been **widened** from a minimum of 14.91 metres (48.9 feet) to a minimum of 16.46 metres (54 feet);
- Side yard **setbacks** have been **increased** from a minimum of 0.6 metres (1.97 feet) to 0.9 metres (2.95 feet); and,
- **Facades** have been **modified** (e.g. materials, colours, design).

At this time, Town staff and other public bodies are reviewing the revised application. Please visit my website, [www.godwinchan.com](http://www.godwinchan.com), from time to time for latest developments.



## Update On Ed Sackfield Arena Expansion & David Hamilton Park Rejuvenation

While there has been a significant amount of progress since construction began in the Fall 2017, the project has also encountered a number of challenges that include the financial difficulties faced by the contractor, delays in the delivery of construction supplies, other construction-related issues, and weather delays. As a result, we will be completing the project in phases:



- Phase 1 (proposed to be completed mid-spring 2019) - new program rooms in original building
- Phase 2 (to be completed through 2019) - soccer field (proposed to be completed in early spring and permitted for the full 2019 season), south playground and multi-sports court (proposed to be completed summer 2019)
- Phase 3 - splash pad and north playground (proposed to be completed summer 2019), arena expansion building with fitness studio (proposed to be completed late-fall 2019)
- Phase 4 (proposed to be completed late-fall 2019) - baseball diamonds

\*\*\*Please note that Blackmore Tennis Club and the adjacent parking lot reopened to the public in October 2018.

## New Grass & Weeds By-law

Last year, the Town dealt with 793 cases associated with long grass and weeds—the highest number of cases for Bylaw enforcement than any other by-law. After review, Council adopted a *new* Grass and Weeds By-law that include:

- Clarified “Grass and Weeds” and “Garden”
- Year-round Application prohibiting grass & weeds higher than 20 centimeters
- Boulevard Maintenance Requirement - consistent with other municipalities

At present, homeowners often cut grass on the boulevard adjoining their property. The change, in effect, reflects the practice. Please contact [Bylaw@richmondhill.ca](mailto:Bylaw@richmondhill.ca) or me if you have any questions or concerns.

## Improvements on the way ...

### Addressing Speeding concerns

In response to concerns about speeding on the streets, I have requested that the well-received Pole-mounted Radar Speed Boards be deployed to **Briggs Avenue** and **Lagani Avenue**, in addition to the Boards currently on **Red Maple Road** where traffic volume is heavy. A few years ago, the Town's first pair of the Pole-mounted Radar Speed Boards was installed on **High Tech Road** with positive outcomes in speed reduction and compliance with speed limit among motorists. It is expected that the two pairs will be installed on Briggs Avenue between **Queen College Drive** and **Valleymede Drive**, and on Lagani Avenue between **Kevi Crescent** and **Rubin Street** later this year.



### Parks on their way...

In February, Council approved the 2019 Capital Budget that will focus on managing and renewing Town assets and infrastructure to support a vibrant, sustainable municipality. In Ward 6, the following projects were approved:

**King's College Park** - Rejuvenation of the 30-year old King's College Park will commence this year. Notice of construction will be distributed to the nearby residents before commencement of work.

**Rockwell Parkette** - The amount of land initially dedicated by the developer for the use of a park was undersized. In the past year, the Town acquired three properties on Rockwell Road to expand the area for the park that can be developed for use by residents in the vicinity of Rockwell Road, including those at the nearby condominium buildings and townhouses. During 2019, conceptual design work for the 1.08 acre parkette will be undertaken.

**Briggs Parkette** - The design for the parkette is complete and the project has been issued for tender. It is expected that construction will commence in May 2019. Special thanks to residents for their comments on the conceptual design at the open house and thereafter.

## Neighbourhood Watch ... working together for safer neighbourhoods

Safety in the community is always a priority. In collaboration with York Regional Police, I am pleased to work with the community in helping to establish Neighborhood Watch in Ward 6 in the past couple of years. There are quite a few active community-based groups that keep each other aware of unusual happenings in the neighbourhoods through social media channels on a real-time basis.

If you and your neighbours are interested in learning more and starting up a Neighborhood Watch in your neighbourhood, please feel free to contact me.

### What it is:

a simple organized approach where neighbors:

- Watch out for one other as they go about usual activities
- Know when & how to report suspicious people to the Police
- Learn, share and help each other secure homes and the whole neighborhood

### It is NOT about:

- Being a vigilante or putting yourself at risk
- Time-Consuming duties and obligations
- Paying fees or services

- Being an obnoxious busybody

### Benefits:

- Deter criminal activity and reduce becoming a victim
- Bring the community together with a common goal and get to know each other
- Peace of mind knowing that neighbours are keeping an eye on your property and family
- Be aware of crime activity/trends in your area
- Help Police catch burglars by providing information

### Helpful Tips:

- ◇ Secure your house and practice safer behaviours to make your house less attractive and more difficult to break into.
- ◇ Be watchful and report to Police if you see something suspicious.

**York Regional Police Non-Emergency Phone No.:**

**1-866-8POLICE (1-866-876-5423)**

**For Emergencies, call: 9-1-1**

